

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Eibach et al. : Poltorak, Peter
Serial No.: 09/501,756 : Group Art Unit: 2134
Filing Date: February 10, 2000 :
Title: SECURITY FOR : IBM Corporation
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 8, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2006, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 10-11 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 10-11 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and file a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith. Applicants will specifically provide the reasons for traversal in Applicants' Appeal Brief.

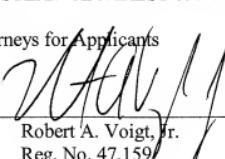
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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